Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know from the member whether complaints were received about the location of this factory?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know whether it is not injurious to the health of the people?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: That was the complaint, Sir.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib: May I know whether any action was taken in the matter?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes. The Director of Public Health inspected the locality and reported that the tannery as it was situated was not injurious to public health.

Action of the Reserve Police stationed at Ramamangalam.

49. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko:** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Reserve Police camping at Ramamangalam in the Muvattupuzha taluk brutally assaulted every subject of His Highness The Maharaja of Travancore whom they casually met on the public roads and in the shops and houses near by, without identifying or caring to identify their victims and without the slightest reason or provocation, while the Reserve Police were riding in a motor vehicle in the afternoon of the 3rd of Kumbham 1112;

(*b*) whether they are aware that similar and other cruel and wanton atrocities were and are being perpetrated by the Reserve Police camping at Ramamangalam on the agricultural population of Ramamangalam and places all round it including Katamattam and Mazhuvannoor in the Kunnatnad taluk;

(*c*) whether the Reserve Police are under the control of the District and First Class Magistrates having jurisdiction over the places;

(*d*) whether the Government, the Police Commissioner and the District Magistrate have received complaints from the people about the assaults, etc., referred to above and praying that they may be saved from any repetition of the atrocities of the Reserve Police;

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(*e*) whether the Government or any of the officers referred to above have taken any action to find out and punish the offenders and to prevent the repetition of the offences mentioned above ; and

(*f*) whether any of the victims of the Reserve Police resorted to their right of private defence?

Mr. R. Pitchu Ayangar : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) They are governed by the same rules as the other Police.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The complaints were enquired into and found to be grossly exaggerated.

(*f*) There was no necessity for it.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that the Reserve Police assaulted the people of the locality while they were riding in a motor car on the 3rd Kumbhom?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : The answer is there already.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether Government made any attempt to see whether the allegations about the assault were true or not?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know the result of the enquiry?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : As a result of the enquiry it was found that most of the allegations were false and exaggerated.

M. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether Government consider exaggeration in a complaint as an offence?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : If there is exaggeration there is the difficulty in establishing the real offence committed. By exaggeration I mean that the truth was not told and unless the truth is told it is difficult to find it out under the circumstances of the present case.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether any attempt was made to extract the truth?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : Every attempt was made. There was not only exaggeration but the want of identity of the persons against whom there were allegations.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether Government are aware that it is impossible to identify the Reserve Police when they are without any uniform?

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Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : It is not for Government to answer the question and remove the impossibility.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether a departmental enquiry cannot be held and the offenders punished by the department examining them?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : That is not possible.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib : May I know, Sir, whether innocent people have been roughly handled by the Reserve Police?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : It is already answered, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*) : With regard to the answer to part (f) of the question, may I know whether there was any necessity for the exercise of private defence because the victims were so completely disabled?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : Sir, the answer is not in respect of a general case, but it is only in regard to this particular case.

Health Units in the State.

50. ***Mrs. Aberanam Gnanasikamoney** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Health Units in the state ;

(*b*) the number of health nurses attached to these units ; and

(*c*) their duties?

Mr. K. N. Govindan (*Ag. Secretary to Government* : (*a*) one.

(*b*) Four.

(*c*) (i) To undertake home-visiting in respect of pre-natal and post-natal cases, infants and pre-school children ;

(ii) to conduct the maternal and infant welfare clinics and little mothers, leagues ;

(iii) to give ante-natal and post-natal advice ;

(iv) to supervise the work of midwives and to attend on deliveries as far as possible ;

(v) to render nursing service to patients suffering from typhoid, tuberculosis and other cases of prolonged illness from communicable diseases ; and

(vi) to conduct vaccination and inoculation amongst females.

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